

Though a century has clapsed since the old

demption. Whether it is that hard times have

ury for redemption. It is, of course, worthless,

by the Springfield National Bank, of Spring-

field, Mass. The note was numbered 2,525, and

was countersigned by John Arnold, evidently

the Treasurer of the Prevince. The note was

The New Hampshire visitors had an amus-

ing experience with the echo stones in Statu-

Webster and Stark were duly admired and

appeared to be considerable surplus material

In opening his address on Daniel Webster in

the Senate, Senator Lodge expressed his opin-

jon of the artistic quality of the so-called

"That hall is a very fine one," said he, "and it

may be doubted whether its beauty has been en-

hanced by the collection of statues now ranged

to Congress ere now, having been a contestant

publican majority.

at one time for the seat of Gen. Shields, and

The Governor of New Hampshire, John B.

Smith, and his staff, and ladies, came down to

Washington last week to attend the ceremonies

of the presentations of the statues of Daniel

the Nation. Senator Chandler entertained

slowly along. The Government is losing only

Old Senator Brown, of Georgia, used to be

the butt of many scarrilous remarks from his

associates in the Upper Chamber. He had been

very successful in business, amussing a fortune

n railroads and mines. His mines were worked

by convict labor, which he hired from the

State. Mr. Brown was a conspicuous figure

in the Senate. He had a long white board

hanging from his chin, a hald head, with curls

in the back of his neck, hanging down onto his

cont collar. He was fond of wandering about

the corridors of the Capitol, and had a peculiar

habit of rubbing his hands together. Some-

thing like 10 years ago Ingalls and Brown

The sermable for points of vantage in the

scats in the front rows in the House and Sen-

\$100,000 a year by the tardiness of the con-

duce a well-developed echo:

THE WEEK IN WASHINGTON. Minor Matters of Interest in the Capital

City. SUNDAY, DEC. 16 .- Word reached here that the German budget for the Foreign Office contains | led to a general ransatking of old trunks and an estimate of 66,500 marks for the extension | desks and the shaking out of old stockings or of the German Embassy building in this city. | not, the fact is that recently more than usual of This estimate is in addition to the 190,000 marks already voted for the purchase of the property now occupied by the Embassy. The proposed extension is intended for the special and the senders are so advised. Comptroller accommodation of the First Secretary of the | Eckels has recently received one quite interest-Embassy and for the storage of documents.

Monday, DEC. 17 .- The Senate Committee on Rules met to-day, Senator Corman announced himself as adverse to any amendment to the stated that the State of Rhode Island and the rules, and the two Republican Senators, Aldrich and Manderson, oppose a change at the Providence Plantation would pay one Spanish present time. The other two members, Senstors Blackborn and Harris, were of the opinion that something should be done to expedite business, but they did not sumbit any proposition. Consequently, nothing was left for the in an excellent state of preservation. committee but to either report adversely or postp ... e further consideration until after the bolidays, and the latter course was decided

Tussday, Dac. 18.—Capt. Henry W. Howgate ary Hall last week. The delegation were pleaded not guilty to seven indictments standing in the Hall where the New Hampbrought against him for embezziement while shire statues were draped. The cloths were Disbursing Clerk of the Signal Service when removed temporarily and the marble figures of arraigned before Judge McComas, of the Criminal Court. Counsel were also notified to appear before the Court next Saturday to | commented upon. While the little band of arrange for the date of the trial on the other | New Hampshire pilgrims were admiring the three indictments, two for embezzlement and statues and listening to the eloquence of Senaone for forgery .- Senator Palmer, from the tor Chandler in describing them, it happened Committee on Pensions, to-day favorably rethat the group stood directly upon a space ported the bill providing that in all applications for pensions the oath of a person who | which gives forth a remarkable echo. Some of such witness had served as commissioned his trousers bag at the knees; besides, there

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19 .- The Schale Committee on Public Lands to-day decided to adversely in them. All of the impartial historians say for 10 years, and it expressly provides that no that complexion is not desirable. report the House bill providing for the for- that Mr. Webster delighted in wearing his | country becoming a party to it should withdraw feiture of the lands of grants where the roads were not completed in the time specified. If the hill should become a law it would result lands of grants where the roads trousers a little over full length. While the until the end of that time. the bill should become a law it would result in restoring about 54,000,000 acres of land to | ingly upon the marble representation of New the public domain.

TRURSDAY, DEC. 20 .- Miss Ida B. Wells, the | with the acoustic properties of the hall, stood colored anti-lynch law agitator, who recently returned to the United States from a lecture tour through Great Britain and Ireland, arrived in this city to-day. She appeared before the House Committee on Labor to urge a favorable report upon the joint resolution | don't you tell Daniel to pull up his trousers?" now pending before Congress, offered last session by Representative Blair, against lynching. Mr. Blair, of New Hampshire, presented to the House several hundred petitions from various parts of the country praying for the passage of his resolution. Mrs. Victoria duly explained, however, and then everybody Matthews, President of the Women's Loyal Union of New York and Brooklyn, in a letter to Mr. Blair, says that the names on the petitious represent New York City, Brooklyn, and adjacent cities. Among the petitions is one from the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst and

3,500 cirizens of New York. FRIDAY, DEC. 21.—Representative Tucker has | works of art that adorn Statuary Hall. at last been able to bring the Appomattex Postoffice case partly to an end. The Postoffice Department agreed to day to restore the name Appointtox to the office now called Surrender. This practically settles the mat- about its walls. The hall, both in its proporfind a name for the Postoffice now called Ap- harmonious, but no one, I hangine, would think pomattox, which was formerly called Nebraskn. The name Appointation Courthouse has been suggested, and meets with the ap- of statues which it contains. They certainly proval of the patrons of the office. The Post- | are not harmonious, for they are of all sizes, office Department objects to this name under | diverse hights, and different substances. There General Orders, so it will likely be dropped. is, to be sure, a certain uniformity of artistic -The Secretary of the Interior made requisition on the Treasury for \$10,700,000 for execution, but even in this direction the unipayment of pensions on Jan. 4 at the follow- formity is not complete, for among the figures cord, N. H., \$750,000; Chicago, \$2,800,000; is the choice of subjects, which ranges from

Buffalo, \$1,650,000. SATURDAY, DEC. 23 .- It was the understandtiations come to nothing, a treaty agreement will be entered into by the two warring nations within a short time. The Japanese forces may push a little farther into Chinese | been omitted and who let in. territory, but it is not likely that any battles will take place. The declaration of an armistice by the Japanese and Chinese Governments is one of the probabilities of the next Chang Yin Huan and Shao-at Tokio, or wherever the peace conference will take

CHAT OF THE CORRIDORS. It is likely that Washington will have two other statues of heroic size to add to those which help to beautify its parks and make effective its reservations. There was introduced in the House last week a bill appropriating \$60,000 for a statue of Ulysses S. Grant, to be erected on the east front of the Capitel, alongside of the statue of Washington. The bill reserves the site on the opposite side of Washington's statue for the statue of Gen. Wm.

the President of the United States is bearing | Capitol. Thirteen Senators made speeches, the | mistake of becoming too familiar in converfruit, but whether the fruit will drop off the tree | list including Senators Chandler, Hoar, Mor- | sation, the talk turned on the case of a man before repening is a question. Last week Senator gan, Merrill, Platt, Davis, Collom, Mitchell, of who, being on trial for marder, had been Quay and Representative Richardson intro- Oregon, and Lodge, while the Stark list em- recognized by visitors to the court-room as dued in their respective Houses a bill author. | braces Senators Gallinger, Proctor, Hawley, and | a young theological student from a Middle izing the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase | Dubois. In the list of House speakers were the land contained in a block on Columbia Mesers, Blair and Baker, of New Hampshire; Heights, a suburb of Washington, as a site for Grout and Bowers, of Vermont; Everett, of to the subject of changed identities. a residence of the President of the United | Massachusetts, and Curtis, of New York. Etates. The bill limits the price to \$3 per foot, and the total appropriation to \$1,000,000.

Representative Durborow appeared before the House Committee on Public Buildings and tractor in charge, who is taking his own time Grounds last week to urge a favorable report and pleasure in finishing the work. Meanon his bill to open museums and other places of while the Government is paying out cold cash public interest in Washington to visitors on | for rental for some of the bureaus in outlying Sunday. This question has been agitated a buildings. Mr. Dockery and Mr. Sayers, of long while. The main obstacle to the proposi- the Appropriations Committee, have some real tion is, as usual, the additional cost it involves, extravagance to worry about now. but it is thought that this will be overweighed by the real importance of the scheme to the people of Washington,

W. S. Reese, of Alabama, is a populist who has "claims." Last week he came to Washington with a certificate of election signed by the State officials deciaring him the rightfullyelected candidate for Senator, and on the Kolbite ricket, instead of Senator Morgan. Senator Allen promptly took up Mr. Roese's cause, and introduced a resolution in the Senate providing that a committee be appointed to investigate the manner of elections in Alabama, and the last election in particular.

The committee of Republicans appointed to had a lively war of words. To escape the peninquire into the policy of contesting the Con- alties of parliamentary law, Ingalis referred to gressional elections in the Third, Fourth, and | bim as "the Senator from Alaska," and charac-First Districts of Maryland have decided that | terized him as the Joseph Surface of Amerino efforts should be made to musest Mr. Miles, | can politics, and the Uriah Heep of the Senin the First nor John E. Cowes, in the Fourth. | atc. One of Brown's enemies at home was A copied will likely be made in the Third, for "Beb" Toombs. He declared once that Brown it is stated by leading Republicans that Dr. | was so smart that he could steal the shortening William S. Box has retained counsel, and will from a biscuit without breaking the crust. try to sent bimself in place of Harry Wells Rusk, the Remocratic candidate, who has returned as elected by 520 plurality.

ate sometimes are very ludicreus. Last week Senator Butler, of South Carolina, on witted his successor, Gov. Tillman, and Senator Allen, Populist, from Nebraska, both of whom were applicants for his chair in the front row on the Democratic side of the Senate chamber. As soon as it became apparent that Senator Butler could be defeated for re-election to the Senate by his hated rival, Gov. Tillman, there was a lively scramble for the very desirable seat, which is immediately in fernt of the Vice-President's chair, between Senators Morgan and Cockrell. Senator Allen and Gov. Tillman wanted the seat, as did other Senators. In order to prevent a Populist or a Tillmanite from getting it, however, Senator Butler and Schater Jones, of Arkansas, exchanged seats, thus putting in a prior claim in behalf of the latter. THE BLAINE MANSION.

The old Blaine mansion at 17 Lafayette Square will soon pass into other hands than Colonial money was issued hardly a week passes that of the Blaine family. It will be bought by has had quite a romantic history. Erected for a boarding house in 1816, its conveniences for entertainment soon attracted the attention of this old paper money has been sent to the Treasin Jackson's Cabinet and again when Vice-President. Henry Clay lived in it when he was Secretary of State. Later on the Washington ered at the Capital. Philip Barton Key stepped from its doors to find the builet from the pistol of Gen. Dan Sickles that killed him, and sevmilled dollar to the holder by Dec. 31, 1785. It Wilkes Booth, attempted to kill Secretary of towns. State William H. Seward, who was then occupying the house, in his bedroom at the same ime the arch-assassin was murdering President long time, until Mr. Blaine moved into it and negotiated its purchase whou he became Secreministration.

CANNOT WITHDRAW. The Secretary of State, under the provisions of the act of Aug. 18, 1894, was requested to next session as to the propriety of continuing | device; that if the stamp did not reach Washthe Bureau of American Republics, and whether any obligation existed on the part of the United States to continue it. The reply was sent to the Senate last week, the Secretary taking the has served as a private or non-commissioned | the critics in looking at the statue of Daniel | faith withdraw from the organization. More officer shall not have any less weight than if | Webster concluded that the sculptor had made | than a majority of the Republics continue to pay their assessments, thereby signifying their desire for the continuance of the bureau. The agreement by its terms was to continue in force

> TO THE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY. Hampshire's most gifted son, a wag, familiar tions to the monument recently erected to Mary | alone was worth \$4,090. in the doorway leading to the House of Repre-Washington at Fredericksburg. Including its sentatives and exclaimed lond enough to probase it will stand 51 feet in hight, and when placed in position will be visible from the decks "I say, you New Hampshire fellows, why It will be constructed entirely of light Barre granite, and will cost, complete, \$11,000. The The effect upon the strangers was most ludionly decorations on the monument will be the crous. They did not know where the comscroll work on the plinth. The form of inscripmand came from, and they turned to the right tion has not yet been finally determined. It style when the colors are wisely chosen, and to the left inquiringly. The joke was | will, however, be simple in character, so as to accord with the general design of the monn-

> > ARMY AND NAVY. Representative Onthwaite, of Ohio, has introduced a bill reviving the grade of Lientenant-General of the Army. The proposition meets with general favor in military circles. The proposed promotion would enable Gen.

The rank of Lientenant-General ceased with ter, as the only difficulty remaining is to tions and its design, is simple, dignified, and the death of Gen. Sheridan, and its revival inspecial mark of confidence and esteem.

of applying these adjectives to the collection reorganization and increase of the Army. The totel number of culisted men, including Indian scouts and the hospital corps, is limited to 30,000. The line of the Army is to consist of 10 regiments of cavalry, five regiments of artillery, and 25 of infantry. Sections 3 to ing agencies: Pittsburg, \$1,600,000; Milwau- there are some good statues. The most re- 10, inclusive, provide for the commissioned made supernumerary by this act, have been ab- very smallest. George Washington to a Governor of very sorbed, there is to be but one promotion of Caping at the State Department to day that the passing, if not purely local reputation. This tain to Major in the cavalry arm for each two war between China and Japan has practi- offers certainly a wide range of selection, but vacancies that may occur in the grade of Major tional Capitol when we consider who have seniority of Captains. Other promotions are to two points. be made in like manner. After all promotions of First Lieutenants to the grade of Captain in Representative Tarsney finds his seat in the several arms shall have been made as provided, all remaining First and Second Lieutendauger, the contestant being Col. R. T. Van auts in the several arms, corps, and departfew days, for it is expected that such an Hora, of Kansas City, who was a Republican ments of the Army are to be recommissioned as agreement will be made shortly after the candidate for Congress from the Fifth District | Lieutenants, and shall, while continuing in

> elected by 400 majority. Van Horn has been and precedence. VETERANS IN THE CITY. George S. Parsons, 11th N. Y. Cay., "Scott's been successfully placed in the House by a Re- Nine Hundred," Gouverneur, N. Y. Comrade Deputy Sheriff and some other positions in without any lining. A bias strip of velvet,

Not the Same. [Harper's Magazine.]

A neat example of the retort admenitive was recently made by a young Colorado Webster and Gen. John Stark by their State to mining engineer, whom we will call Morton, them with a reception, and a number of citi- his name. Seated in a chair in a Denver zens from New Hampshire gave a banquet to | barber shop, undergoing a shave at the hands the distinguished visitors. On Thursday the of a favorite barber, who, although an excel-The revived agitation for a new residence for ceremonies of presentation took place in the lent craftsman, sometimes committed the State, where he had been the possessor of a spotless reputation and a totally different name. The conversation thereupon drifted

Morton's barber rubbed the razor on the strop reflectively, and said: "Yes, it's sur-The building of the new City Postoffice drags | prising how many men change their names after they get out West. By-the-way, Morton, what was your name back East? " "Mister Morton," was the quiet reply.



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From her fair head her fillet she undight And laid her stole aside; her angel's face, As the great eye of Heaven, shined bright, And made a sunshine in that shady place-Did ever mortal eye behold such heaven'y grace.' Spenser's Una.

The exhibition of portrails of society women, recently held in New York, and the society but some of it is sent to the Treasury for re- a party of Chicago capitalists, and negotiations assemblies at the Horse Show, where womanly are now pending for the transfer. This house | loveliness is out in full force, have called forth vigorous discussion as to the existence or absence of beauty in the ladies of New York. wealthy residents, and there was quite a contest | One writer says that they are pug-nosed and between several of them to secure its possession. stiff-mannered, and have none of the real beauty John C. Calhoun occupied it twice, once when of face and manner as have the San Francisco women. Even the English papers are taking it up and commenting on our women. Another ing specimen of this currency. It was forwarded | Club leased the premises, and it became the | writer suggests that it is neither the New York abiding place of the fashionable men who gath- | nor the Sau Francisco woman that is beantiful, it is the Philadelphian. Then, of course, local pride is aroused, and all the papers are publisheral years later Payne, the associate of John ing accounts of the pretty women of their

> One of the adventures of the non-sticking, Lincoln at Ford's Theater. After the war the pale-faced postage stamps, recently issued, is building was used by the Government for var- | told in the Washington papers. A newspaper ious office purposes, and remained vacant for a | man in a little Maryland town mailed a letter to a friend in Washington, but found he could tary of State under President Harrison's Ad- get no stamps but these inefficient ones. So he fastened one to the envelope with a paperfastener, and wrote a little note to the Postmaster at Washington right under the stamp. He said that he had purchased a stamp for the letnotify Congress at the commencement of the | ter, but had no way to affix it other than by this ington at the same time that the letter did, it was the fault of the Government, not his, and

> > It would be well for some of the sallow maidens to remember that bluet and violet will make them look even more sallow, and that 5 2

Worth says that American women spend Secretary Gresham has selected a monument other nationality. The most expensive frock to mark Washington's birthplace at Wakefield, that he ever made was for an American, and Va. It is an almost exact duplicate in proper- cost \$40,000; the embroidery on the train

Dark velvet belts are worn with pale-colored of steamers passing up and down the Potomac. evening dresses; as a deep pansy colored belt luxury, but are a necessity, notwithstanding the for a light-blue or lavender freek, a brown one for a pale-yellow, dark, clear green with the palest shade, and so on. It is a pretty, Lowery

> Tortoise shell buffons, to wear with any freek or coat or cape that has brown velvet or brown far about it, are pretty and expensive.

Skirte are made four or five yards wide around the bottom and absolutely glove-fitting over the hips. Wires, soft and flexible as those used. Schofield to go on the Retired List with in- | for wiring bows for hat trimmings, are run in creased pay and emcluments. He retires in a | the bottom of the skirt two inches above the few months, so that he would not be able to ex- hem and help the skirt to flare out stylishly, ercise the functions of the office very long. without adding so much to the weight as deep crinolining does. Tie-backs are again resorted to the case of Gen. Schofield is intended as a to hold back the fulness from over the hips and always were in China. There has been imfrom the front breadth. The skirt that is held There is now a bill before the Senate for the | back a little is always more graceful than one | tactics and strategy being opposed to the

Bustles are promised us for the near future. the battalion of engineers, as now organized, but it is absolutely impossible to bolieve that woman will again make herself so ungainly as she did when those protuberances were in kee, \$1,800,000; Des Moines, \$2,100,600; Con- markable thing about the collection, however, officers of the various regiments, batteries, com. fashion. Indeed, now, the dressmakers are panies, etc. Until the 10 Majors of cavalry, only prophesying and occasionally using the infantry, and their influence is still appar-

Ribbons are used gracefully to trim sleeves cally ended, and that, unless the peace nego- it seems to lead to some confusion as to what in that arm. All original vacancies in the by fastening a band with a bow at the shoulder entitles a man to have his statue in the Na. grade of Major of infantry caused by the act and factoring it again at the elbow under a are to be filled by promotion according to bow, but letting it hang loosely between those

Black velvet is sometimes chosen for a skirt to wear with fancy waists. Worn with a silk waist and for and velvet cape for the street it arrival of the Chinase Peace Commissioners of Missouri. Tarsney alleges that he was said grade, retain their present relative rank light-colored waists for evening affairs, but it is heavy and not so pretty as the lighter silk or satin for wear with dainty blouses.

> There is a new kink in the making of vel-Parsons is a farmer, and holds the office of vet belts. The softest ones now are made seven or eight or nine inches wide, has the edges turned down once, the ends sewed and shirred in to a width of about three inches, and the belt fastens around the waist in folds of its own that are much prettier than those carefully arranged by the dressmaker. The army. The cavalrymen carry Winchester fastening of the belt is hidden under a bow or roset or wing-like loops.



One of the prettiest of evening freeks is of pale-blue or green crope trimmed with narrow bands of mink fur, and with lace ruffles. The wide belt is of brown velvet, wrinkled and edged on both edges with fur. The lace is carried over the shoulders in full frills, and is drawn down into the belt. The full front is gathered to a narrow band of corn lace insertion. The sleeves are finished above the elbow with a band of fur and rosets of the brown velvet.

. . Queen Bess neck-ruffles are almost in fashion. Woman muffles up her throat and chin almost as extensively as did that interesting queen.

The use of collars is most amazing. They vie with sleeves-even with sleeves-in size, gayety, and importance. Everything, from a ribbon tied around the threat to a mink bea with four tails, two heads, and magenta satin wings, is used. A velvet stock looped twice, and perhaps bearing a flashing buckle, a fantastic arfluted, ruffly collar of lace, satin, velvet, seal, veterans is by getting it more subscribers.

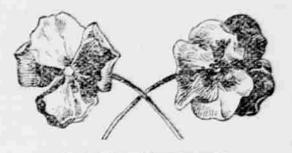
astrakhan, ermine or Persian lamb, with collar wider than the cape-these are but a small part of the devices. One girl seen promenading the other day had on a close-fitting black cloth gown, with a wide collar-like arrangement over the shoulders of bright-red and bright-green velvet ribbons in overlapping loops-a trimming that would suggest pincushions and sachets rather than dress-waists.



A pretty collar and short cape of fur is shown in the cut; the collar is really wider and more important than the cape. The cape | pecting it. In fact, the sweetly-loving nature is cut in innumerable little gores to give the necessary spring and ripple over the shoulders. It is one of the prettiest of the present fashions in furs, though the little close-fitting fur jackets finished up by asking the Postmaster to see to with big silken or satin sleeves are graceful wolf. Probably the most interesting chapter ground that this Government cannot in good it personally that the letter reached his friend. and stylish. The fur, as pictured, is worn without any other wrap, or over a plain cape or jacket. With it is worn a big black hat trimmed with black outriels-tips, velvet ribbon, of pale-blue chiffon.

Ermine is worn a great deal this Winter, but is not so ultra-swell as it was last.

Someone has said that furs are no longer a fact that they still remain horribly expensive. ELSIE POMEROY McELROY.



She Has a Chance if the Japs Will Allow It.

[Harper's Weekly.] assume that things military are as they is unusually good, and reflects great credit provement, mainly in armament, reforms in Chinese character. A few years ago Li Hung Chang, who, with his province of Pe-chi-li. has unfortunately had to bear the brunt of this war, ventured to carry out energetically the reforms proposed by the European instructors who had been before employed, but without power, to bring about progress, Two German instructors trained the Pe-chi-li

The exercises, slow and quick march especially, are admirably performed, but a most imperfect knowledge and valuation of fighting tactics is observable. Out of these troops some trained non-commissioned drillmasters were sent to all parts of the empire: but this second-hand method, this deputizing of unskilled instructors to do the work of Europeans, has resulted in such a com- Mass. Price 50 cents, or \$5 a year. promise with ancient native habits that little of the original teaching is left, and is fashionable, and it may be worn with the | the result is little better than the simple old Chinese drill. Originally, in Pe-chi-li, the Germans drilled the officers and the men. Finally, in the other provinces, the officers were left in their original plight of ignorance.

The best reform was in the arms. The Pe-chi-li troops are mainly armed with the German infantry rifle. China, my authority says, will never possess a true cavalry arm. She can get no suitable horses. Her steed is the Mongol pony, and he is too small and too light. The cavalry is "an agile infantry," regarded with pride as being able to get away from an enemy quicker than the rest of the carbines, and fight by riding around in a reason be that it is liked because of the noise. it makes. At all events, the Germans, aided by Li Hung Chang, have organized and armed an excellent artillery in Pe-chi-li, the pieces being all Krupp, kept in good or ler and well manned, aimed and fired by well-taught gamers. The armies of the other Provinces are not to be compared with Pe-chi-li's. The horses of the other Provinces | Itstimulates and produare but 12 hands high.

China has no true Engineer Corps and no proper army train. The commanders of the encampments receive round sums for the purchase and support of horses and the maintenance of troops, and here comes in the "squeezing that makes Chinese official life the most corrupt on earth. The proper queta of troops is not kept up, though the Government is charged for the full limit; even then the men in the ranks are not always or often fully paid. In spite of all this, the German writer

said, at the breaking out of the war, that if the struggle was a long one the Japanese would enjoy early successes and be whipped in the end. And when I left China, before the news of Port Arthur's fall was abroad, every European military and naval man was saying the same thing. All agreed that if Japan was to win the final victory she must forge straight ahead to Peking, or stand a chance of being beaten at the end. The reason was and is that a cessation of hostilities during a whole Winter will give China a chance to develop or to obtain skilled leaders, and to mass her mighty millions (of both men and dollars) into a mountain that the Japanese would soon exhaust themselves in storming.

Not What He Wanted. [Life.] Flora-I can't decide on a Christmas gift

for Arthur. "Give him yourself." "He made me promise not to give him an expensive present."

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Mention The National Tribune.

RECENT LITERATURE. WILD BEASTS. By J. Hampden Porter. Published by Charles Scribner & Sons, New York

Dr. Porter's book is rather a surprise. There is so much "gush" written about animals in the popular books, and even in the scientific treatises, that while a book like this is extremely refreshing, yet at the same time it seems abnormal at first glance, from its utter lack of "sentimental zoology." Dr. Porter finds animals neither incipient Tyndalls nor mere automatons running on a schedule compounded from heredity and environment. He attributes to them the power of reasoning quite logically from the limited premises which can be known to them, but he does not expect them to perform as miraculous mental feats us did the singularly-gifted beasts which were the daily companions of the late Rev. J. G. Wood. In Dr. Porter's opinion, much nonsense is also habitually talked about the disposition of animals. The tiger is fierce and murderous because that is the way it gets its living; but it is neither more nor less so than the lion, a beast of similar habits, which it is the fashion to style "magnanimous."

The first animal discussed is " My Lord, the Elephant"; and an interesting study of elephantine psychology is made. A large number of authentic stories relating to the animal are given, and the conclusion arrived at, that while the elephant is capable of ratiocinating well enough in a way, he is by no means readywitted. He is usually a moody beast, wholly non-disinterested, and very prone to lay out his mahout when that gentleman is least exwe are accustomed to attribute to the elephant seems to be rare. The elephant is the only non-carniverous

beast discussed. All the others treated belong to the cat family except the grizzly and the in the book is that devoted to the puma, or American panther. It contains a graphicallywritten description of the psychological development of a puma which Dr. Porter purchased as a mere kitten from a Mexican hunter, a wide buckle, and underneath the brim a roset | and kept till it attained maturity, subjecting it merely to such slight restraints as were necessary to make it a safe companion. It grew up practically unbiased by any further It is remarked that the long-haired furs are training, and developed mentally along its more money for his gowns than women of any not becoming to stout women, as they tend to own lines. After reading the account Dr. Porter gives, it would be hard to believe that the animal did not reason quite intelligently on the facts that came under its observation, and draw deductions therefrom which were quite as reasonable as could be expected. It certainly learned by experience and direct experiment, although it as certainly possessed a large fund of inherited knowledge. The story is a fascinating one, and the reader feels a very natural regret when the career of the animal is finally cut short in a very natural way-by

the gun of a scared stranger. The style of the book is a pleasant, flowing one. Dr. Porter has evidently had a wide experience in zoology, and he writes as though thoroughly conversant with his subject, Mechanically, the book is all that could be wished. The cuts are exceptionally good. NAPOLEON. By Alexandre Dumas. Translated by John B. Larner. Published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, and for sale by Breu-

tano, Washington, D. C. Price \$1. This is a history of Napoleon, from the political, war-like and romantic side, mainly. It deals largely with his battles and strategy, and describes them in considerable detail. It is quite faithful to facts; more so, indeed, than is usual A German authority declares it wrong to to find in works of this class. The translation

> upon Mr. Larner. Magazines and Notes.

Demorest's for January has an interesting illustrated article on the Japanese Entoress and her ladies, by Frank Carpenter, several good stories and accounts of the eacti and its curious growths, besides the regular portrait aibum of notable men and women, and the fashion pages and talks about fads and fancies. Published by W. Jennings Demorest, New York. Price 20 cents.

The Young People's Magazine is the name of a handsome little publication by the Eaton-Dunlop Co., Boston, Mass, It is beautifully illustrated, and its contents are very attractive.

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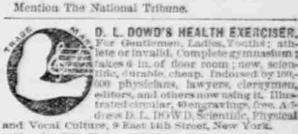
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